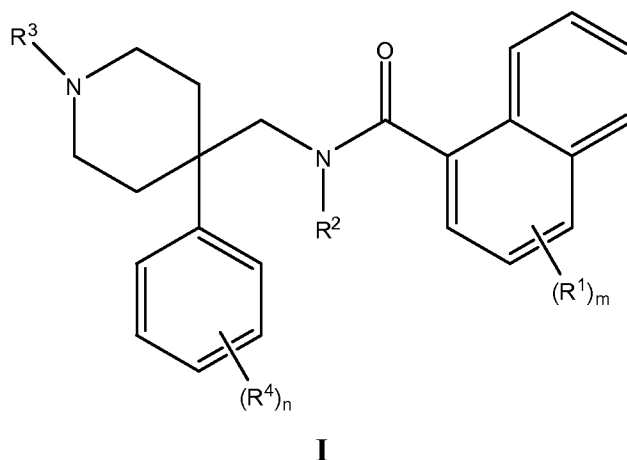


In the Claims:

The current status of all claims is listed below and supersedes all previous lists of claims.

Please cancel claims 10, 16-23, and 26-28 without prejudice to their presentation in another application, and amend claims 1 and 24 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A compound in accord with structural diagram I:



wherein:

R^1 at each occurrence is independently selected from CN, CF₃, OCF₃, OCHF₂, halogen, hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C(O)R^c, C(O)NHR^c, CO₂R^c, NR^aR^b, CH₂NR^aR^b, OR^a and CH₂OR^a, wherein R^a and R^b are independently at each occurrence hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C(O)R^c, C(O)NHR^c or CO₂R^c; and wherein where R^c at each occurrence is C₁₋₆alkyl;

m is 1, 2 or 3, where at least one R¹ moiety is other than hydrogen;

R² and R³ are independently hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with C₁₋₄alkoxy;

R⁴ at each occurrence is independently selected from hydrogen, CF₃, OCF₃, OCHF₂, halogen, C₁₋₄alkyl, NR^aR^b, CH₂NR^aR^b, OR^a and CH₂OR^a, wherein R^a and R^b are independently at each occurrence hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C(O)R^c, C(O)NHR^c or CO₂R^c; and wherein R^c at each occurrence is C₁₋₆alkyl;

n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

G is oxygen;

~~j is 1, 2, 3 or 4;~~

or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

2. (previously presented) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein:

R^1 independently at each occurrence is CN, C_{1-6} alkyl or OR^c ; and m is 1, 2 or 3;

R^2 and R^3 are independently hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl, and

R^4 independently at each occurrence is halogen where n is 1 or 2;

or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

3. (previously presented) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein:

R^1 independently at each occurrence is CN, ethyl or methoxy and m is 1, 2 or 3;

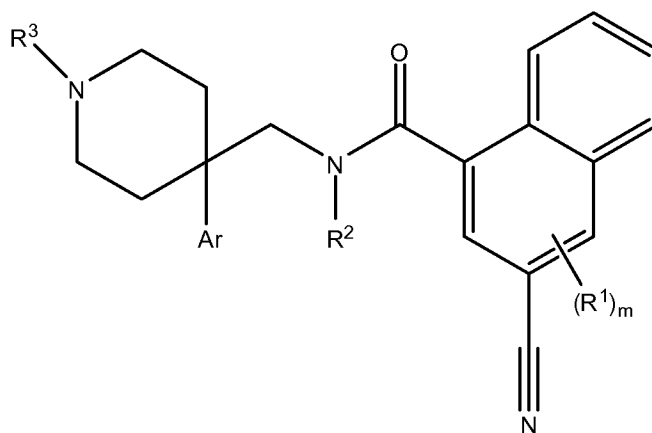
R^2 and R^3 are independently hydrogen or methyl, and

R^4 independently at each occurrence is halogen where n is 1 or 2;

R^4 independently at each occurrence is halogen where n is 1 or 2;

or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

4. (previously presented) A compound according to Claim 1, according to structural diagram II



II

wherein Ar is selected from phenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 3,4-difluorophenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 3,4-dimethoxyphenyl, 3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl,

4-difluoromethoxyphenyl and 4-trifluoromethoxyphenyl;

R^1 is selected from H, methyl, ethyl and methoxy where m is 1 or 2, and

R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from H and methyl, and

or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

5. (canceled).

6. (previously presented) The pharmaceutically-acceptable salt according to Claim 1, wherein said salt is formed from an inorganic or organic acid selected from hydrochloric, hydrobromic, sulfuric, phosphoric, methanesulfonic, sulfamic, para-toluenesulfonic, acetic, citric, lactic, tartaric, malonic, fumaric, ethanesulfonic, benzenesulfonic, cyclohexylsulfamic, salicylic and quinic acids.

7. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.

8-23. (canceled).

24. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein said compound is selected from:

1-N-Methyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyanonaphth-1-yl)-(3-oxo-2-N-methyl-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-methoxynaphth-1-yl)-(3-oxo-2-N-methyl-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

4-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-methoxynaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-methoxynaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-methoxynaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-methoxynaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-(2-Methoxyethyl)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-methoxynaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

4-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2,4-dimethoxynaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-aza-prop-1-yl)piperidine;

4-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-ethylnaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-ethylnaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyanonaphth-1-yl)-(3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-methoxynaphth-1-yl)-(3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-ethylnaphth-1-yl)-(3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyanonaphth-1-yl)-(3-oxo-2-N-methyl-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

3-cyano-N-((4-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-N-((4-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-2-methoxy-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-N-((4-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-2-ethyl-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-N-((4-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-N-methyl-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-N-((4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

~~3-cyano-2-methoxy-N-((4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;~~

3-cyano-2-methoxy-N-((4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-2-ethyl-N-((4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-N-((4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-N-methyl-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-N-((4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-N-((4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-2-methoxy-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-N-((4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-2-ethyl-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-N-((4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-N-methyl-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-N-((4-(4-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-N-((4-(4-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-2-methoxy-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-N-((4-(4-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-2-ethyl-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-N-((4-(4-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-N-methyl-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-N-((1-methyl-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-2-methoxy-N-((1-methyl-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-2-ethyl-N-((1-methyl-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-2,4-dimethoxy-N-((1-methyl-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyanonaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyanonaphth-1-yl)-(3-oxo-2-N-methyl-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-methoxynaphth-1-yl)-(3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-ethylnaphth-1-yl)-(3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2,4-dimethoxynaphth-1-yl)-(3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2,4-dimethoxynaphth-1-yl)-(3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(4-fluoronaphth-1-yl)-(3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(4-fluoronaphth-1-yl)-(3-oxo-2-N-methyl-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2,4-dimethoxynaphth-1-yl)-(3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

1-N-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyanonaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-methoxynaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyanonaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-N-methyl-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-ethylnaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2,4-dimethoxynaphth-1-yl)-(3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

1-N-Ethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-methoxynaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Ethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyanonaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyanonaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyanonaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-methoxynaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-ethylnaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-2,4-dimethoxynaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-phenyl-4-(3-(3-cyanonaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-phenyl-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-methoxynaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-phenyl-4-(3-(3-cyano-2-ethylnaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-phenyl-4-(3-(3-cyano-2,4-dimethoxynaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-phenyl-4-(3-(3-cyanonaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-N-methyl-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-methoxy-4-methylnaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(4-chloro-3-methoxynaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-4-methylnaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(3-cyano-4-methylnaphth-1-yl)-(3-oxo-2-N-methyl-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(4-bromonaphth-1-yl)-3-oxo-2-azaprop-1-yl)piperidine;

1-N-Methyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(3-(4-bromonaphth-1-yl)-(3-oxo-2-N-methyl-2-azaprop-1-yl))piperidine;

3-cyano-N-((1-methyl-4-(3-fluorophenyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-2-methoxy-N-((1-methyl-4-(3-fluorophenyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-2-ethyl-N-((1-methyl-4-(3-fluorophenyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-2,4-dimethoxy-N-((1-methyl-4-(3-fluorophenyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-N-((1-methyl-4-phenylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-2-methoxy-N-((1-methyl-4-phenylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-2-ethyl-N-((1-methyl-4-phenylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

3-cyano-2,4-dimethoxy-N-((1-methyl-4-phenylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

and

3-cyano-N-methyl-N-((1-methyl-4-phenylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

25. (previously presented) A compound selected from:

3-cyano-N-((4-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-naphthamide;

N-((4-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-3-cyano-2-methoxy-1-naphthamide;

N-((4-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-3-cyano-2-ethyl-1-naphthamide; and

N-((4-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-3-cyano-N-methyl-1-

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naphthamide;

or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

26-28. (canceled).